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IN RE APPLICATION OF
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FILED: March 5, 2002

FOR: Attachment Of Surface Mount
Devices To Printed Circuit Boards Using A
Thermoplastic Adhesive

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement mailed July 2, 2003, in the above referenced case.

In the restriction requirement, the claims of the present application have be restricted as follows:

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| Group I | Claims 1-70 drawn to a service mount electronic device, classified in class 428, subclass 343 |
| Group II | Claims 71-102 drawn to an assembly comprising a printed circuit board, classified in class 257, subclass E21.705. |
| Group III | Claims 103-120 drawn to a process of adhering, classified in class 156, subclass 60+. |
| Group IV | Claims 121-164 drawn to a thermoplastic adhesive composition, classified in class 523, subclass 111. |

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (1-70) with traverse.

Of the four Groups, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter are interrelated such that a search of the surface mount electronic device comprising a semi-solid thermoplastic adhesive of one of these Groups would require a search of the classes and subclasses of the others. In the alternative, applicants submit that the subject matter of Groups I, II and III are interrelated and should be examined together. In a second alternative, applicants submit that the subject matter of at least Groups I and III be examined together.

Specifically, Claim 1 of Group I claims a surface mount electronic device comprising a thermoplastic adhesive and Claim 71 of Group II claims an assembly comprising the surface mount electronic device and the thermoplastic adhesive. Claim 103 of Group III claims a process for adhering an assembly comprising the surface mounted electronic device and the thermoplastic adhesive. Each of Group I, II and III include the surface mount electronic device and the thermoplastic adhesive.

In order to facilitate prosecution, it is respectfully requested that all the claims of Groups I-IV be examined together.

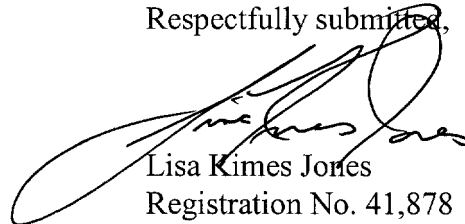
In the alternative, applicants respectfully request that the claims of Groups I, II and III be examined together.

In the second alternative, applicant respectfully requests that at least the claims of Groups I and III be examined together.

If it would be of assistance to resolve any outstanding issues in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

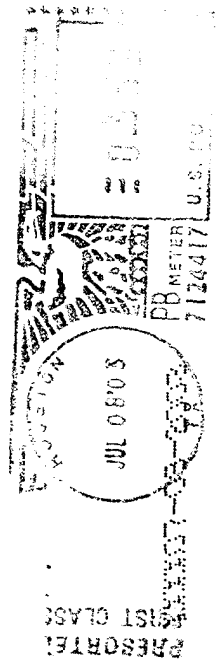
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